

Comparatives & Superlatives

Comparativo

El grado Comparativo se usa para comparar **dos** personas o cosas. Normalmente se usa en oraciones con "**than**", pero no siempre es así.

- Javi is **taller than** Alex.
- Alex is tall, but Javi is **taller**.

Superlativo

El grado Superlativo se usa para comparar **más de dos** personas o cosas. El Superlativo siempre lleva delante el artículo "**the**".

- Sally is **the oldest** person in the class.
- John is old, Steve is older, but Sally is **the oldest**.

Tipos de Comparación

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• De Inferioridad less ... than She is less clever than you. not as ... as ...¹ She is not as clever as you.	the least ... This is the least comfortable bed in the store.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• De Igualdad as ... as Your phone is as new as mine.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• De Superioridad este hay que verlo por separado	

Antes de ver cómo se forman estos comparativos y superlativos, hay que recordar que las sílabas en inglés se cuentan por "golpes de voz" en la pronunciación, no en cómo se escriben. Así, por ejemplo ...

cute /kju:t/ 1 sílaba

polite /pə'laɪt/ 2 sílabas

nice /naɪs/ 1 sílaba

expensive /ɪk'spensɪv/ 3 sílabas

¹ Aunque, gramaticalmente hablando, la primera opción es perfectamente aceptable, se prefiere esta segunda construcción.

Comparativo y Superlativo de Superioridad

1 sílaba	old	older than ... She is older than me.	the oldest She is the oldest in the family.
1 sílaba -e	nice	nicer than ... Today is nicer than yesterday.	the nicest He's the nicest boy I know.
1 sílaba c+v+c	hot	hotter than Malaga is hotter than Oviedo.	the hottest What's the hottest place on Earth?
2 sílabas -y	easy	easier than ... This exercise is easier than the other.	the easiest This is the easiest exercise in the exam.
2 sílabas	crowded	more crowded than ... This restaurant is more crowded than usual.	the most crowded Cairo is one of the most crowded cities in the world.
+ 2 sílabas	interesting	more interesting than .. Books are more interesting than video-games.	the most interesting Documentaries are the most interesting programmes on TV.
Irregulares	good	better than ... Your results are better than last time.	the best Star Wars is the best film I've ever seen.
	bad	worse than ... Nothing can be worse than this.	the worst What's the worst thing that has ever happened to you?
	far	farther than ... Liverpool is farther north than London.	the farthest ... Australia is the farthest place I've ever visited.

Modificadores

Much bigger
A lot cheaper
Far older
Far less expensive
Quite younger

Exercise 1 Fill in the blanks with the comparative or superlative form of the adjectives in brackets. Where necessary, add "the" before the superlatives and "than" after the comparatives. Good luck!

1. Mount Everest is _____ mountain in the world. (high)
2. Malaga is _____ Cadiz. (large)
3. What is _____ sport in your country? (popular)

4. I prefer this chair to the other one. It's _____ . (comfortable)
5. "The Simpson's" is _____ the "Flintstones" in my opinion.
(funny)
6. What is _____ place you've ever been to? (hot)
7. If you want to go downtown, _____ way is to take the metro.
(easy)
8. The east coast of Australia is _____ the west coast.
(populated)
9. We stayed at _____ hotel in the town. (cheap)
10. That garden looks _____ since you tidied it up. (good)
11. The exam was quite easy – _____ we expected. (easy)
12. She is _____ singer I have ever heard. (wonderful)
13. What is _____ way of getting from here to the station? (quick)
14. She is a really nice person – one of _____ people I know.
(nice)
15. The unemployment in Spain is _____ in Germany. (bad)

Exercise 2 Decide if the following sentences are correct or incorrect. If they are incorrect try to correct them. Good luck!

1. Which fast food restaurant has the better hot-dogs?
2. My new car runs faster that my old one.
3. Don't go to that restaurant, they serve the worst food in all the town.
4. Joan is the less clever student in my class.
5. Jack's new house isn't as bigger as his old one.
6. She is sweetest person I have ever met.
7. I'm sorry, I'm late. I got here as fast as I could
8. Her illness was much more serious than we thought at first.
9. Statistically speaking, travelling by airplane is more safe than travelling by car.
10. This grammar book is far more useful than the book we used last year.
11. A Mercedes is much most expensive than a Volkswagen.
12. The city centre wasn't as crowded this morning than it usually is.
13. It's a long walk from here to the station – farther than I thought.
14. Why does he always come to see me at the baddest possible moment?
15. Are you the oldest in your family?